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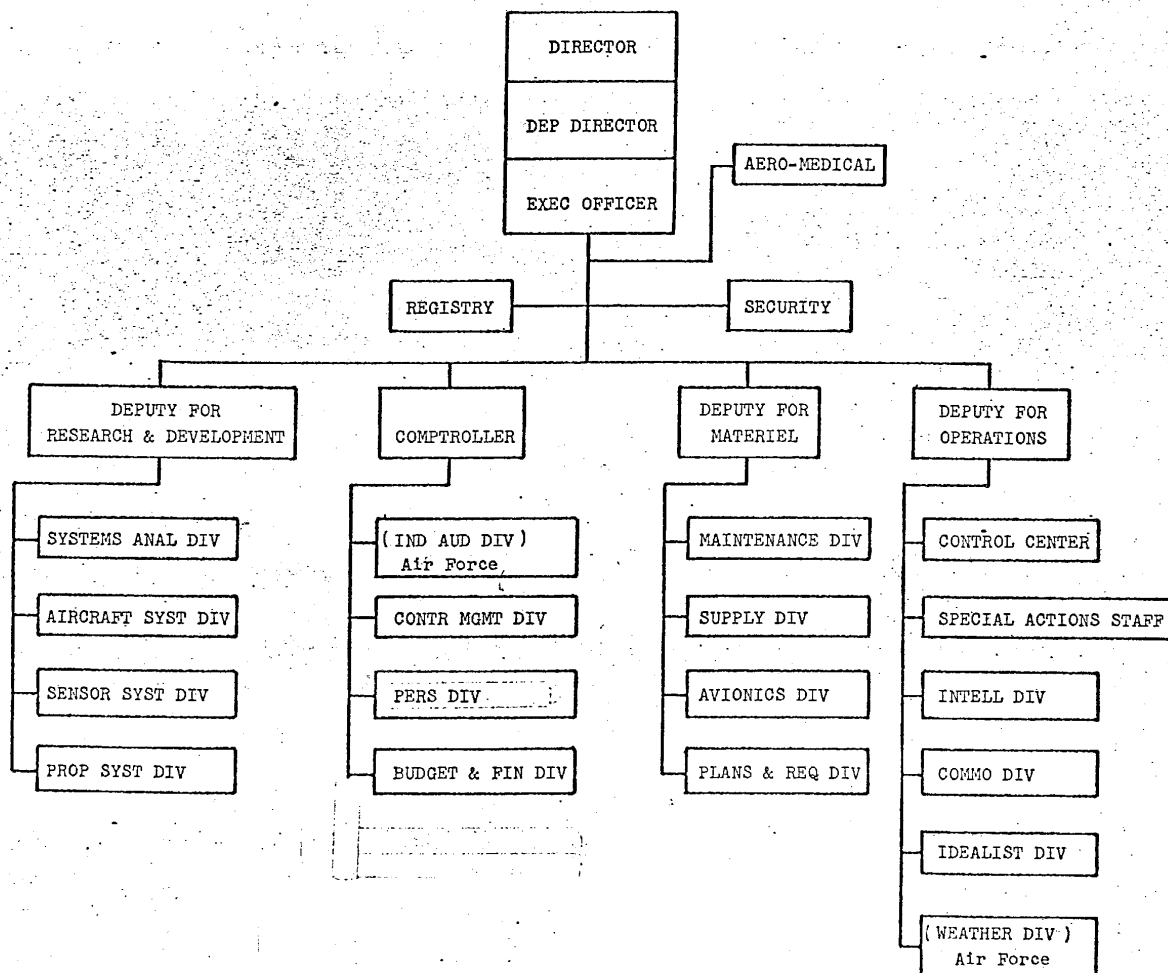
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT : Establishment of an Office of Special Projects

REFERENCE : [REDACTED], dated 9 September 1965

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1. The establishment of an Office of Special Projects with a planned authorized level of [REDACTED] is approved.

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2. Manpower increases over FY 1966 Presidential approved ceiling have not yet been presented to the Bureau of the Budget. This action is now underway. Pending action by the Bureau of the Budget, the authorized strength of the Office of Special Projects will be restricted to [REDACTED]. Meanwhile, I will authorize the Director of Personnel to establish a Staffing Complement of [REDACTED] positions subject to the understanding that all grades must be reviewed and approved by the Chief, Salary and Wage Division. Selective recruitment can be initiated.

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L. K. White  
Executive Director-Comptroller

cc: Director of Personnel.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Special Activities

SUBJECT: Establishment of Office of Special Projects

1. Attached for your information, and per your request of 27 September, is a memorandum to me from Executive Director-Comptroller approving the establishment of the Office of Special Projects.

2. It is my intent to transfer to this Office from the Office of Special Activities technical and managerial responsibilities for the discharge of the satellite programs conducted by this Agency as a participant in the National Reconnaissance Program. In order that such a transfer of responsibilities may be most intelligently implemented, I am requesting you and [REDACTED] Director of Special Projects, to consult immediately and furnish me with your advice and recommendations as to the totality of positions, and where appropriate, people, that should be transferred between your respective Offices. The responsibilities will include, but need not be completely limited to, technical direction, operations, contracting, and security.

3. I request that you and [REDACTED] accomplish your study and be prepared to discuss this matter with me by Friday, 1 October 1965.

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ALBERT D. WHEELON  
Deputy Director  
for  
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cc: D/OSP

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT: Joint Recommendation Concerning  
Management Relations Between the Office  
of Special Activities, and the Office of  
Special Projects

I. OBJECTIVE:

With an objective of establishing an Office of Special Projects and transferring those programs and projects involving Satellite Reconnaissance Systems from the Office of Special Activities to the Office of Special Projects, this paper recommends a management concept, and certain transfers of resources, responsibilities and authorities as mutually agreed upon and concurred in by both the Director of OSA and Director of OSP.

II. GENERAL:

The responsibilities, authorities and management functions of technical direction, operational control, contracting, security and cover, and budgeting and programming, concerning those Satellite Reconnaissance Systems within the DDS&T are assigned to the Office of Special Projects. Minor variations for administrative convenience and efficiency are noted, as appropriate, in succeeding paragraphs.

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### III. ACCOMPLISHED ACTIONS:

The Satellite Operations Center, along with assigned personnel and manning spaces, have already been transferred to OSP and full responsibility and authority, and all relations involving the SOC is assumed by OSP under the general management function of operational control referred to in Paragraph I. No further action is necessary. The AP facility with personnel resources and its function of technical direction and operational control are also made a matter of record as being under OSP.

25X1A One Headquarters staff R&D position that formerly was occupied by [REDACTED] has already been transferred from OSA to OSP. No further personnel or other resources in the general management areas of technical direction and operational control of Satellite Systems are required from OSA.

### IV. DIRECT OSA SUPPORT TO OSP:

In the functional areas listed below, OSA will provide direct support to OSP as requested and required. It is estimated that no further personnel resources will be required within OSA in these functional areas, provided that the scope of projects and missions within OSP remain at the present level. However, the Director of OSA reserves the option of requesting additional personnel ceiling increases, and other resources, after a period of experience to establish the real workload resulting from the over-all organizational split.

#### A. Financial Operations:

Payment of invoices, accounting, maintenance of financial records, processing of vouchers, preparation of monthly obligation status reports, etc.

#### B. Travel:

OSP will program and budget their own travel funds which will then be transferred to OSA for administration as a special line item in support of OSP travel.

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C. Registry

D. Communications:

Provide support and staffing to OSP facilities.

E. Logistics:

Storage and warehousing

F. Procurement:

Procurement of film and other joint commodities.

G. Computer Support:

Subject of separate memo.

The support in the above areas provided by OSA will be accomplished upon request of OSP in an efficient and timely manner. It is clearly understood and agreed upon that the managers of the above functional areas work for and report to, only, the Director of OSA. In the event of any conflict, these managers receive direction and instructions from the Director of OSA. In case of such conflict, the Director of OSA will coordinate with the Director of OSP to obtain a mutually agreed upon solution. Unresolved conflicts between the Director of OSA and Director of OSP will be submitted to the DD/S&T for resolution.

V. SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS:

A. Routine administrative support:

OSP will receive all administrative and personnel support from the DDS&T staff.

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**B. Cover:**

All responsibility for cover in the Satellite programs is assumed by OSP within the general management function of security as noted in Paragraph I.

**C. OSP support to OSA:**

It is agreed that certain resources under management control of OSP, more specifically certain communications stations and security offices under management control of OSP, will respond to requests for support from OSA. OSA will request such support direct to the Field as required, with info to OSP. In case of conflict, it is clearly understood that the managers of these functions work for and report to only the Director of OSP. In case of conflict, they will receive instructions from the Director of OSP who will coordinate with the Director of OSA for an agreed upon solution. Unresolved conflicts between OSA and OSP will be submitted to the DD/S&T for resolution.

**D. Control of Take from Satellite Programs:**

Control of take from Satellite programs will be the responsibility of OSP. OSA will supply transportation as required and requested.

**E. Contracting:**

Two Contracting Officers by name along with their personnel spaces will

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be transferred from OSA to OSP. One clerical slot and body by name will be transferred from OSA to OSP. [REDACTED] and his manning position will be assigned to OSA. This transfer of people and positions is necessary to OSP to establish a minimum competent capability in the contracting area. This transfer leaves OSA critically short of contracting capability to accomplish its remaining contract functions. A separate request for a considerable increase in contracting personnel will be submitted by OSA as a separate subject and request to DD/S&T. The Director of OSA and Director of OSP recommend the complete separation of the two contracting offices, which will require special contracting authority to OSP from the DCI. In the event that this is not done and the Chief Contracting Officer in OSP is only redelegated authority from the Chief Contracting Officer of OSA, the Director of OSA requests a document from the DD/S&T relieving him of all legal responsibility for those contracts under the management control of OSP.

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positions, are transferred to OSP from OSA. As in the contracting area, the Director of OSA

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and Director of OSP recommend complete independence between the two Security Offices. Again, as in contracting, if the security function with the OSP remains as an administrative part of the Security Staff of OSA, then the Director of OSA requests a document relieving him of all responsibility for security matters in those Satellite projects under the management control of OSP.

VI. The above agreements are considered by both the Director of OSA and Director of OSP as the most favorable and workable beginning management concept in accomplishing a final divorce of Satellite management responsibilities between the two offices. It is agreed that the Director of OSA and Director of OSP will maintain close liaison in an environment of mutual respect and determined effort to accomplish the mission without antagonism or bureaucratic conflict.

As a matter of record, General Ledford, as Director of OSA, takes no stated official position to the concept of establishing the Office of Special Projects as a separate office for Satellite management within the DDS&T.

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Director  
Office of Special Projects

(Signed) Jack C. Ledford

JACK C. LEDFORD  
Brigadier General, USAF  
Director of Special Activities

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22 JUN 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Special Activities, DD/S&T

SUBJECT : OSP Use of OSA Support Activities

1. As you are probably all too well aware, OSA provides OSP with total communications support including data links involved in our satellite activities. Additionally, your Finance Staff handles the invoicing of our contracts, normal accounting associated with them, and the processing of our various financial vouchers. Your Travel Branch provides us with all of our travel support, and your Materiel Branch handles the airlift associated with the movement of equipment from our contractors and take from return missions. Your computer facilities also are called to task in our behalf. There are undoubtedly other miscellaneous efforts which your good offices perform for our benefit which I fail to call to mind at the moment.

2. The support and response in all these activities have been most helpful and most timely; for this we are extremely grateful and appreciative. With the advent of the new programs on which this Office has now received approval, we will undoubtedly cause major perturbations in expanding our requirements and need for additional services. While one may argue that OSP has reached a point in life where it should go it alone to obtain and maintain its own support activities, there is unquestionably greater economies which can be realized by our continuing to lean on OSA for such services. The impact of our request will demand that your T/O be increased to accommodate our needs. While we appreciably will not expand our communications network, the volume of traffic will increase at our present contractors. By Fiscal Year 1969,

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there will be considerable traffic from [REDACTED]. Slots have been earmarked for the [REDACTED] communications positions, but none that I know of have been designated here in Headquarters. I call this to your attention in order that your Communications Staff may coordinate with the appropriate people in the Office of Communications to determine whether or not provision has been made to handle this traffic at the Washington end. I am not privy to the extent to which we are taxing your Finance Branch, but that should also be taken into consideration.

3. I am calling this all to your mind in order that your Office may make necessary plans budgetwise and peoplewise to satisfy the situation. We would be most happy to provide you with whatever additional information your people may need in order to adequately understand where we think we will be and what support we will require in the years ahead.

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[REDACTED]  
Acting Director  
Office of Special Projects

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cc: PS/OSA  
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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Deputy Director for Science and Technology

**SUBJECT:** Assignment of DDS&T Responsibility  
for Computer Support to Satellite  
Reconnaissance Programs

1. Paragraph 6 of this memorandum contains a recommendation for your concurrence.

2. The DDS&T currently retains a limited responsibility for computer support to satellite programs. This responsibility is now assigned to the Office of Special Activities. OSA maintains an operational capability to run a selected list of programs as back-up to other responsible agencies. OSA also responds to requests for program development and modification coming from the Satellite Operations Center. As the Office of Special Projects has been assigned the major roll in satellite activities within the DDS&T, it is appropriate that the allocation of responsibility for computer support to satellite programs be reviewed. The recommendations that follow below have grown out of a series of discussions on this subject between OSA and OSP.

3. It is recommended that the responsibility for the development and modification of computer programs to be used in support of satellite operations or related studies, be assigned to the Office of Special Projects. OSP will respond to the requirements of the SCC and the operational satellite programs as appropriate. OSP will prepare the specifications for new programs as well as the specifications for modification of

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existing programs and direct the implementation of these specifications. OSP will assume the responsibility for the accuracy of all programs developed under its direction.

4. It is also recommended that the Office of Special Activities retain the responsibility for running satellite related programs when they become part of the operational library. The complement of programs to be retained in the operational library will be determined by OSP subject to coordination with OSA and any other concerned agency. In general, OSA will have the responsibility for taking input data supplied by the using agency, running the programs, and supplying the output data to the using agency. When new programs are added to the operational library or existing programs modified, OSP will supply detailed operating instructions to OSA. Procedures for tasking operational programs will be established by OSP with OSA concurrence. OSA will continue to support OSP with programmers for various specialized equipments and with computer operators for limited program check-out. This arrangement is particularly appropriate in the light of the capability of OSA to respond to operational requirements on a 24 hour basis and the convenience of the current arrangement of communications and digital data transmission facilities.

5. The responsible OSA component is the Automation Division. The Chief, Automation Division will continue to report through the OSA organization to Director, OSA.

6. It is recommended that you concur with the realignment of responsibilities outlined in paragraphs 3 and 4.

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Director  
Office of Special Projects

(Signed) Jack C. Ledford

JACK C. LEDFORD

Director

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Concur with the recommendation  
contained in Paragraph 6:

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Special Activities  
ATTENTION: Mr. James A. Cunningham  
SUBJECT: Management Relation Paper Between  
OSA and OSP

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REFERENCE: 25X1A 2949-65, dated 6 October 1965

1. The elaborating changes which reference recommends be considered as part of the basic management relation paper between OSA and OSP are a constructive contribution.

2. Responsible officers within OSP have reviewed the document and raised only one point of consideration, with which I concur. I believe that your suggested delimitation of the Registry function may be too narrow to be efficient. I would suggest we allow a reasonable time to transpire before trying to be precise in defining what functions the OSA Registry should perform on behalf of OSP.

3. There is attached an "Addendum" to 2935-65, the basic OSP/OSA management agreement and I recommend that both parties affix it to the basic document and consider it part thereof.

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Directorate of  
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Attachment:  
Addendum to 2935-65

cc: OSP

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ADDENDUM TO [REDACTED]-2935-65

SUBJECT: "Joint Recommendation Concerning Management Relations Between the Office of Special Activities, and the Office of Special Projects"

The following changes and additions should be incorporated into [REDACTED]-2935-65.

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1. Under paragraph IV. DIRECT OSA SUPPORT TO OSP:  
D. Communications. should read: "Provide support and staffing to OSP Facilities. Should OSP requirements result in unprogrammed cost for communications equipment necessary to provide effective support, OSP will be asked to budget for these items."

2. Under paragraph IV. DIRECT OSA SUPPORT TO OSP:  
E. Logistics. should read: "Storage and warehousing, property management and accountability plus domestic airlift as noted in paragraph V. D."

3. Under paragraph V. SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS:  
D. Control of Take from Satellite Programs. should read: "Control of take from Satellite Programs will be the responsibility of OSP. OSA will supply domestic transportation as required and requested."

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4. Under paragraph V. SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS:  
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5. Under paragraph V. SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS:  
F. Security. should read: [REDACTED]

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the Director of OSA and the Director of OSP recommend complete independence between the two Security Offices. Again, as in contracting, if the security function with the OSP remains as an administrative part of the Security Staff of OSA, then the Director of OSA requests a document relieving him of all responsibility for security matters in those Satellite projects under the management control of OSP."

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer, DD/S&T

SUBJECT: Editorial Changes on Management Relation  
Paper between OSA and OSP

REFERENCE: [REDACTED] 2935-65 dated 1 October 1965

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1. In connection with the reference there are a few editorial changes and amplifications which I would like to suggest to you for incorporation in the text of the reference. These have been discussed with General Ledford and principal members of the OSA Staff. The net results of these changes, I hope, will be a little more clarifying where required.

2. The changes I would propose are as follows, new language is indicated by underlining:

A. Under paragraph IV. DIRECT OSA SUPPORT TO OSP:  
C. Registry: Suggest - Support as required resulting in primarily from OSP employment of OSA communications facilities.

B. Under paragraph IV. DIRECT OSA SUPPORT TO OSP:  
D. Communications: Provide support and staffing to OSP facilities. Should OSP requirements result in unprogrammed cost for communications equipment necessary to provide effective support, OSP will be asked to budget for these items.

C. Under paragraph IV. DIRECT OSA SUPPORT TO OSP:  
E. Logistics: We suggest the following wording - Storage and warehousing, property management and accountability plus domestic airlift as noted in paragraph V. D.

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D. Under paragraph V. SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS:

D. Control of Take from Satellite Programs: Suggest that the second sentence reads as follows: OSA will supply domestic transportation as required and requested.

E. Under paragraph V. SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS:

E. Contracting: In the second sentence request that the phrase "and body by name" be deleted therefrom. The third sentence of this same paragraph should use the phrase "remain assigned" rather than "will be assigned".

F. Under paragraph V. SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS:

F. Security: A correction should be made following the first three words in the paragraph to read as follows:

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together with, etc.

3. I assume that there will be a further meeting to refine matters of this sort and that ultimate and intra-DD/S&T issuances based on this paper will come out delineating the responsible areas of authority and responsibility between the two organizations. Please let me know if you have any comments on this matter.

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JAMES A. CUNNINGHAM, JR.  
Deputy Director of Special Activities

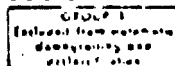
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14 October 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Comptroller, OSA

SUBJECT: OSA Materiel Support to OSP

1. Materiel Division, OSA currently provides 25 man hours per week direct support to the Office of Special Projects. About 20 percent of the above hours fall into the overtime category and are associated with supervision of cargo handling at Andrews Air Force Base. Typical tasks performed by Materiel for OSP include:

a. Coordinate all air transport interface with the Air Force.

b. Process all requisitions in support of operational activities.

c. Manifest cargoes and maintain shipment records.

d. Maintain supply records on COMSEC equipment located at Contractor Facilities

e. Prepare and dispatch all notification messages for cargo movement.

f. Act as logistics advisor and liaison with Office of Logistics.

g. Liaison between OSP and Air Force and Norton Depot.

h. Coordinate storage of residual and excess OSP project property at [redacted] and maintain appropriate records.

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2. It is anticipated that the present level of effort will expand over the next six months to require two people on a full time basis.

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AGREEMENT FOR REORGANIZATION OF THE  
NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE PROGRAM

A. The National Reconnaissance Program

1. The NRP is a single program, national in character, to meet the intelligence needs of the Government under a strong national leadership, for the development, management, control and operation of all projects, both current and long range for the collection of intelligence and of mapping and geodetic information obtained through overflights (excluding peripheral reconnaissance operations). The potentialities of U. S. technology and all operational resources and facilities must be aggressively and imaginatively exploited to develop and operate systems for the collection of intelligence which are fully responsive to the Government's intelligence needs and objectives.

2. The National Reconnaissance Program shall be responsive directly and solely to the intelligence collection requirements and priorities established by the United States Intelligence Board. Targeting requirements and priorities and desired frequency of coverage of both satellite and manned aircraft missions over denied areas shall continue to be the responsibility of USIB, subject to the operational approval of the 303 Committee.

B. The Secretary of Defense will:

1. Establish the NRO as a separate agency of the DoD and will have the ultimate responsibility for the management and operation of the NRO and the NRP;

2. Choose a Director of the NRO who will report to him and be responsive to his instructions; DR. JAX

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3. Concur in the choice of the Deputy Director of the NRO who will report to the DNRO and be responsive to his instructions;

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4. Review and have the final power to approve the NRP budget;

5. Sit with members of the Executive Committee, when necessary, to reach decisions on issues on which committee agreement could not be reached.

C. The Director of Central Intelligence will:

1. Establish the collection priorities and requirements for the targeting of NRP operations and the establishment of their frequency of coverage;

2. Review the results obtained by the NRP and recommend, if appropriate, steps for improving such results;

3. Sit as a member of the Executive Committee;

4. Review and approve the NRP budget each year;

5. Provide security policy guidance to maintain a uniform system in the whole NRP area.

D. National Reconnaissance Program Executive Committee

1. An NRP Executive Committee, consisting of the Deputy Secretary of Defense, the Director of Central Intelligence, and the Special Assistant to the President for Science and Technology, is hereby established to guide and participate in the formulation of the NRP through the DNRO. (The DNRO will sit with the Executive Committee but will not be a voting member.) If the Executive Committee can not agree on an issue the Secretary of Defense will be requested to sit with the Committee in discussing this issue and will arrive at a decision. The NRP Executive Committee will:

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a. Recommend to the Secretary of Defense an appropriate level of effort for the NRP in response to reconnaissance requirements provided by USIB and in the light of technical capabilities and fiscal limitations.

b. Approve or modify the consolidated National Reconnaissance Program and its budget.

c. Approve the allocation of responsibility and the corresponding funds for research and exploratory development for new systems. Funds shall be adequate to ensure that a vigorous research and exploratory development effort is achieved and maintained by the Department of Defense and CIA to design and construct new sensors to meet intelligence requirements aimed at the acquisition of intelligence data. This effort shall be carried out by both CIA and DoD.

d. Approve the allocation of development responsibilities and the corresponding funds for specific reconnaissance programs with a view to ensuring that the development, testing and production of new systems is accomplished with maximum efficiency by the component of the Government best equipped with facilities, experience and technical competence to undertake the assignment. It will also establish guidelines for collaboration between departments and for mutual support where appropriate. Assignment of responsibility for engineering development of sensor subsystems will be made to either the CIA or DoD components in accordance with the above criteria. The engineering development of all other subsystems, including spacecraft, reentry vehicles, boosters and booster interface subsystems shall in general be assigned to an Air Force component, recognizing, however, that sensors, spacecraft and reentry vehicles are integral components of a system, the development of which must proceed on a fully coordinated basis, with a view to ensuring optimum system development in support of intelligence requirements for overhead reconnaissance. To optimize the primary objective of systems development, design requirement of the sensors will be given priority in their integration within the spacecraft and reentry vehicles.

e. Assign operational responsibility for various types of manned overflight missions to CIA or DoD subject to the concurrence of the 303 Committee.

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f. Periodically review the essential features of the major program elements of the NRP.

2. The Executive Committee shall meet on the call of either the Deputy Secretary of Defense or the Director of Central Intelligence. All meetings will be attended by the DNRO and such staff advisors as the Deputy Secretary of Defense or the Director of Central Intelligence consider desirable.

E. National Reconnaissance Office

1. To implement the NRP, the Secretary of Defense will establish the NRO as a separate operating agency of the DoD. It shall include the SOC which shall be jointly manned.

2. The Director of the NRO shall be appointed by the Secretary of Defense. The Director NRO will:

a. Subject to direction and control of the Secretary of Defense and the guidance of the Executive Committee as set forth in Section D above, have the responsibility for managing the NRO and executing the NRP.

b. Subject to review by the Executive Committee, and the provisions of Section D above, have authority to initiate, approve, modify, redirect or terminate all research and development programs in the NRP. Ensure, through appropriate recommendations to the Executive Committee for the assignment of research and development responsibilities and the allocation of funds, that the full potentialities of agencies of the Government concerned with reconnaissance are realized for the invention, improvement and development of reconnaissance systems to meet USIB requirements.

c. Have authority to require that he be kept fully and completely informed by all Agencies and Departments of the Government of all programs and activities undertaken as part of the NRP.

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d. Maintain and provide to the members of the Executive Committee records of all projects, programs and activities of the NRO in the research, development, production and/or operational phases.

e. Prepare a comprehensive budget for all aspects of the National Reconnaissance Program.

f. Establish a fiscal control and accounting procedure to ensure that all funds expended in support of the National Reconnaissance Program are fully accounted for and appropriately utilized by the agencies concerned. In particular, the budget shall show separately those funds to be applied to research and exploratory design development, systems development, procurement, and operational activities. Funds expended or obligated under the authority of the Director of Central Intelligence under Public Law 110 shall be administered and accounted for by CIA and will be reported to DNRO in accordance with agreed upon procedures.

g. Sit with the USIB for the matters affecting the NRP.

3. The Deputy Director NRO shall be appointed by the DCI with the concurrence of the Deputy Secretary of Defense and shall serve full time in a line position directly under the Director NRO. The Deputy Director shall act for and exercise the powers of the Director, NRO during his absence or disability.

4. The NRO shall be jointly staffed in such a fashion as to reflect the best talent appropriately available from the CIA, the three military departments and other Government agencies. The NRO staff will report to the DNRO and DDNRO and will maintain no allegiance to the originating agency or Department.

#### F. Initial Allocation of Program Responsibilities

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1. Responsibility for existing programs of the NRP shall be allocated as indicated in Annex A attached hereto.

(signed)

Cyrus Vance

Deputy Secretary of Defense

(signed)

W. F. Raborn

Director of Central Intelligence

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NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICEPROGRAM FUNDING

## 1. Definitions:

**Program** - Refers, in the broadest sense, to the NRO.

**Projects** - Refers to major elements within the NRP, such as OXCART, CORONA, etc.

**Tasks** - Refers to a work effort assigned by the DNRO which is a portion of a project or which provides for a separate item not considered a complete mission item.

2. The National Reconnaissance Program will be financed from appropriations for the military functions of the Department of Defense.

3. The NRP will be implemented, based upon individual projects and tasks approved by the DNRO and the NRPG through the issuance by the DNRO of program directives to the program directors; i. e. CIA Program Director (Program Baker) in the instance of projects and tasks to be accomplished through CIA.

4. Based upon the program directive, the CIA Program Director (Program Baker) will prepare a definitized program document, including the estimate of funds required therefor. The Comptroller of CIA will prepare a Standard Form No. 1080 "Voucher for Transfers Between Appropriations and/or Funds" in the amount of the estimated funds required as shown on the definitized program document and will cross-reference via a code identifier.

5. The definitized program document and the Standard Form No. 1080 voucher will separately be transmitted to the NRO. The NRO will arrange for the accomplishment of the Standard Form No. 1080 voucher and thereby accomplish the advance to the CIA of the precise amount estimated to be required for the specific individual project or task as previously approved by the Director NRO.

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6. In the event that funding requirements for a project or task may change during the course of the fiscal year, the Program Director in CIA will submit a revised definitized program document to indicate revised dollar estimates for decision by DNRO. To the extent revision in dollar estimates are approved by the DNRO, the Comptroller CIA will prepare a Standard Form 1080 voucher in the amount of the change and transmit same to the NRO. The NRO will arrange for the required reprogramming of funds and for the accomplishment of the Standard Form 1080 voucher, thereby adjusting the amount of the advances in accordance with the approval of the NRO.
7. Funds advanced to the CIA for each specific project or task will be available only for the specific project or task for which advanced. Any adjustments between projects or tasks will require the specific approval of the DNRO. Flexibility within each project or task is authorized without reference to the DNRO, provided that the total advance for the project or task is not exceeded.
8. The CIA will report at least monthly the fiscal status of each project or task in relationship to the amount advanced to the CIA therefor. *|| attached Example*
9. The foregoing arrangements will be effective for FY 1964 and subsequent fiscal years.
10. FY 1963 funds appropriated to CIA for NRO programs will be obligated in accordance with assignment of NRO projects and tasks by the DNRO. *|| 2*

The foregoing Program Funding Agreement is effective upon signature and becomes an appendix to the DoD-CIA NRO Agreement dated 13 March 1963.

/s/

John A. McCone  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency

5 April 1963

(Date)

/s/

Roswell Gilpatric  
Deputy Secretary of Defense

4 April 1963

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